



# Weekly Crop & Weather Roundup



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**Good Week for Field Work:** Pennsylvania had an average of 5 days suitable for field work. Fall plowing continues and is 88% complete, ahead of 74% at this time last year and the five year average of 79%.

**PA Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending November 11, 2012**

Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
0	0	82	18

**Crop Progress:** The corn for grain harvest continues and is 79% complete, ahead of last year's 73% and also ahead of the average of 74%. The barley crop is 98% emerged, ahead of last year's 74% and the average of 90%. Winter wheat is now 89% planted, ahead of the last year's 85% but behind the average 92%. Winter wheat is 70% emerged, about even with last year's 70% but below the average of 79%. The soybean harvest continues and is 77% complete, compared to 71% last year and the average of 77%.

**Crop Condition:** Winter wheat conditions are; 0% very poor, 0% poor, 12% fair, 65% good, and 23% excellent. Pasture conditions are; 7% very poor, 17% poor, 33% fair, 37% good and 6% excellent.

**Nationwide as of November 4, 2012:** Above-average temperatures dominated the West, promoting late-season fieldwork across much of the region. In the Pacific Northwest, recently sown small grains benefited from increased precipitation during the week. With the exception of New England, temperatures east of the Great Plains were well below average during the week. Portions of the eastern Corn Belt and Ohio Valley experienced weekly temperatures more than 9°F below normal. Precipitation, mostly from Hurricane Sandy, totaled more than 200 percent of the weekly normal from the Mid-Atlantic States to New England. Most notably, parts of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and

Virginia accumulated more than 5 inches of rainfall following the storm's arrival on Monday.

**Corn:** By November 4, producers had harvested 95 percent of this year's corn crop. This was 10 percentage points ahead of last year and 24 points ahead of the 5-year average. Above-average precipitation as a result of Hurricane Sandy limited fieldwork in portions of Ohio and Pennsylvania during the week; however, overall progress remained ahead of normal.

**Soybeans:** By week's end, 93 percent of the soybean crop was harvested. This was 2 percentage points ahead of last year and 7 points ahead of the 5-year average. Early-week rainfall saturated soils and limited fieldwork in portions of eastern Indiana, while producers in central and western parts of the state wrapped up harvest.

**Winter Wheat:** Producers had seeded 92 percent of the 2013 winter wheat crop by November 4, on par with last year but 2 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Unfavorably dry conditions persisted in Kansas, leaving many recently sown fields in need of increased moisture for proper seed germination and crop establishment. Nationally, 73 percent of the crop had emerged by week's end, on par with last year but slightly behind the 5-year average. In Texas, irrigation was active in some areas; however, dryland acreage was beginning to show signs of drought stress. Overall, 39 percent of the winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition, down slightly from last week and 10 percentage points below the same time last year.

**Sorghum:** Ninety-seven percent of the sorghum crop was at or beyond the mature stage by week's end, 2 percentage points ahead of both last year and the 5-year average. Producers had harvested 78 percent of the nation's crop by November 4, two percentage points ahead of last year and 8 points ahead of the 5-year average.

## Weather Data For Week Ending November 11, 2012

Station	Last Week Weather Summary						April 1 - November 11, 2012					
	Temperature			Precipitation			Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
	High	Low	Average	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
<b>Northwest</b>												
Erie	61	26	40	-7	0.00	0	25.41	-2.46	81	3,235	590	5,187
Franklin_AG	61	22	37	-7	0.01	1	24.15	-5.12	106	2,895	486	4,788
Meadville-Port	60	28	40	-3	0.24	2	27.77	-2.03	95	3,030	826	4,963
Clarion	59	21	36	-7	0.04	1	28.51	-2.01	98	2,523	104	4,381
Springboro	59	22	37	-9	0.12	1	30.96	4.11	94	2,569	-18	4,427
Warren	58	23	36	-6	0.01	1	24.85	-4.91	99	2,718	395	4,594
<b>North Central</b>												
Bradford Region	55	21	35	-4	0.11	2	27.25	-2.17	99	2,419	764	4,265
Oswayo	50	16	32	-8	0.24	3	24.68	-3.45	90	2,048	212	3,819
Kane	53	21	35	-5	0.02	1	29.29	-0.88	96	2,108	494	3,900
Laporte	48	21	33	-10	0.03	1	38.19	10.93	101	2,326	-51	4,169
Lock Haven	54	24	37	-7	0.02	2	26.38	-0.34	100	3,132	601	5,125
Coudersport_1SW	51	18	33	-7	0.02	1	29.98	1.85	111	2,191	355	3,981
Renovo	52	25	38	-6	0.07	2	31.62	4.90	98	3,065	534	5,056
Ridgway	59	20	36	-6	0.05	1	25.06	-3.90	100	2,539	654	4,406
Stevenson Dam	54	25	37	-4	0.04	1	28.98	0.02	90	2,929	1,044	4,896
Towanda	48	24	36	-7	0.02	1	27.96	5.21	94	2,807	409	4,736
Wellsboro	48	20	34	-7	0.09	2	25.38	2.56	92	2,238	458	4,070
Williamsport	53	25	39	-6	0.01	1	24.07	-2.78	93	3,434	642	5,478
<b>Northeast</b>												
Hawley	51	18	34	-8	0.00	0	29.74	3.93	87	2,458	417	4,353
Wilkes-Barre/Sc	50	24	38	-7	0.00	0	27.78	2.86	93	3,251	604	5,246
Susquehanna	51	21	35	-6	0.00	0	32.15	4.26	94	2,651	728	4,561
<b>West Central</b>												
Butler	66	21	37	-7	0.06	2	25.94	-1.38	92	2,917	414	4,843
New Castle	68	21	39	-5	0.09	1	29.55	4.36	85	3,218	712	5,194
Slippery Rock	69	21	39	-4	0.08	1	27.71	0.74	84	3,082	840	5,037
<b>Central</b>												
Altoona/Blair	61	27	38	-7	0.00	0	28.12	3.83	83	3,234	569	5,245
DuBois	58	24	37	-6	0.03	1	24.14	-3.37	88	2,757	480	4,662
Lewistown	60	30	41	-5	0.00	0	30.33	4.28	98	3,329	400	5,394
Middletown	56	31	41	-6	0.00	0	33.57	7.62	82	3,821	496	5,929
Prince Gallitzi	59	21	36	-7	0.00	0	26.98	-3.96	91	2,671	542	4,589
Selinsgrove	52	27	38	-7	0.01	1	28.13	1.01	93	3,195	475	5,197
State College	56	27	39	-6	0.01	1	29.46	4.87	99	3,101	490	5,097
<b>East Central</b>												
Allentown-Bethel	54	22	40	-7	0.00	0	31.22	3.10	83	3,539	505	5,597
Lehighton	53	23	37	-9	0.00	0	38.85	10.70	95	2,922	-1	4,932
Matamoras	53	22	37	-6	0.31	1	33.30	4.89	107	3,029	416	5,043
Mt_Pocono	48	16	34	-5	0.00	0	36.15	5.38	100	2,568	823	4,496
<b>Southwest</b>												
Pittsburgh/Alle	66	27	41	-3	0.01	1	25.23	-0.31	85	3,634	943	5,656
Indiana_PA	63	21	37	-8	0.04	1	29.71	-0.05	116	3,089	482	5,038
Myersdale	65	20	34	-10	0.00	0	26.73	-2.18	95	2,334	-164	4,194
Chalk_Hill	63	10	31	-15	0.00	0	31.88	3.92	93	2,411	-465	4,260
Pittsburgh Intl	66	24	40	-6	0.02	1	26.34	2.65	85	3,474	656	5,473
Connellsville	65	24	37	-9	0.00	0	36.02	8.06	100	3,112	236	5,109
Waynesburg	69	20	37	-8	0.04	1	25.85	0.03	78	3,048	452	5,008
<b>South Central</b>												
Biglerville	60	25	40	-7	0.00	0	31.85	7.10	79	3,491	240	5,559
Everett	67	22	38	-6	0.00	0	29.07	5.15	89	2,809	151	4,767
Hanover	60	22	40	-8	0.00	0	34.70	9.95	86	3,445	194	5,499
Harrisburg_AP	56	33	42	-5	0.00	0	32.28	6.33	84	3,859	524	5,965
South Mountain	60	20	37	-8	0.00	0	39.65	15.36	90	2,803	150	4,755
York	59	25	40	-7	0.00	0	31.80	5.61	89	3,495	245	5,544
<b>Southeast</b>												
Green Lane	56	25	39	-7	0.02	1	34.57	7.29	85	3,503	613	5,577
Hamburg	54	24	39	-5	0.21	1	36.90	5.19	96	3,393	786	5,448
West_Chester	58	22	39	-10	0.26	1	34.02	4.37	69	3,459	221	5,495
Lancaster	56	28	40	-6	0.00	0	29.18	1.74	71	3,634	570	5,702
Neshaminy Falls	71	23	41	-6	0.27	2	28.73	-2.44	86	3,663	642	5,764
New Holland	67	27	43	-3	0.00	0	34.54	7.10	72	3,749	685	5,857
Philadelphia	57	32	43	-6	0.40	1	25.57	-0.78	64	4,357	787	6,523
Philadelphia NE	57	27	41	-8	0.49	1	29.50	3.15	71	3,948	378	6,074
Reading	57	26	41	-5	0.00	0	30.51	1.33	83	3,873	874	5,975
Sellersville	55	22	38	-8	0.32	1	33.12	5.84	71	3,205	315	5,214
Doylestown_AG	57	24	40	-6	0.28	1	29.96	-1.21	77	3,666	645	5,757

DFN = Departure from normal (using 1961-90 normals period).

Precipitation (rainfall or melted snow or ice) and pan evaporation in inches.

Precipitation days = days with precipitation of .01 inch or more.

Air temperatures in degrees fahrenheit.

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## REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

*Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.*

### **ADAMS COUNTY, Judy A. Behney**

Adams County started the week off in the 30's for morning temperatures and rose to 40's during the day. Monday was mostly cloudy then some sun. Tuesday started at 25 degrees and heavy frost with some sun. Wednesday started 35 degrees and cloudy most of the day so only got to 40 degrees. Thursday morning started 39 degrees and was sunny and breezy about 45 degrees around lunchtime. The days are to be getting a little warmer over the weekend. The sun and breezes will help dry up some moisture to allow producers to get back into the fields.

Corn and soybean harvest continues with producers starting back into the fields on Monday. They are relieved we did not get any kind of moisture Wednesday into Thursday in our county so that they can continue to harvest crops. Producers are reporting pretty decent yields even after all of the different weather situations this year. Some producers are still trying to get some additional wheat out when soil moisture in fields allows. The earlier planted wheat, barley and new hay seedings are looking pretty good.

All apple harvest is coming to an end in the next week as long as weather permits. Some larger growers are in the process of finishing later varieties. Good yields and quality conditions are being reported. Prices for their apples are higher than they have ever received due to surrounding states not having apples and they came to Adams to purchase right out of the fields. Overall the fieldwork is still keeping the producers busy but will start to wind down here till Thanksgiving. Producers are reminded that small grains, forage crops have new crop reporting deadline of November 15 to coincide with RMA crop insurance.

### **CAMBRIA COUNTY, Dolly Little**

Most of the corn and soybeans were harvested this week. There are still some fields to be harvested. Activities

include preparing equipment for winter storage, planning and ordering next year's supplies, weaning calves, and outside maintenance.

### **CENTRE COUNTY, Dick Decker**

Good week to continue corn and soybean harvest.

### **CLARION COUNTY, Tom Tanner**

Many farmers are continuing with harvesting corn and soybeans, but are also spreading lime and manure.

### **FRANKLIN COUNTY, Thomas Kerr**

Cool weather with some frosty mornings this week. Wind is helping to dry the corn still standing and soybeans, some even harvested late in the week. Fruit trees suffered some damage from the storm. One report had more than 100 trees either blown clear out of the ground or snapped at ground level.

### **LANCASTER COUNTY, Jeffrey Graybill**

Farmers are still planting some late wheat and have quite a few soybeans to harvest here in Lancaster Co.

### **LEBANON COUNTY, Charlene Zeigler**

Farmers in the county are working on harvesting late season beans and combining corn. Barley, wheat and rye are still being planted for cover crop.

### **MERCER COUNTY, James P. Rust**

Fields are just getting to the dryness of being tillable again after the prior 4 inches of rainfall from hurricane Sandy. Yields of corn and soybeans are being reported as excellent.

### **SNYDER COUNTY, William C. Sheaffer**

A very good week for harvesting corn and soybeans. The yields are better than expected and the quality is very good. The winter grains are looking good.

**PA Crop Progress for Week Ending November 11, 2012**

Crop	Current Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Fall plowing	88	74	79
Corn, harvested	79	73	74
Barley, emerged	98	74	90
Wheat, planted	89	85	92
Wheat, emerged	70	70	79
Soybeans, harvested	77	71	77

**PA Crop Condition for Week Ending November 11, 2012**

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Wheat	0	0	12	65	23
Pasture	7	17	33	37	6

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